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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This responds to the Office action dated October 17, 2006. A one-month period for response was set, making a reply due by November 17, 2006. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 15.

Applicants elect Group VIII (claims 47-67, 69-74, 76 and 107), and SEQ ID NO: 29 and 30, with traverse.